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SUBJ: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TROPICAL PRODUCSTS REQUEST LIST: SUGAR,
TOBACCO

1. MTN DEL MET WITH DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CHARGE D'AFFAIRS
MANUEL TO DISCUSS DR'S PRELIMINARY TROPICAL PRODUCTS
REQUEST LIST TO US. HE INDICATED DR'S FIRST
CONCERN AS TRADITIONAL IMPORTANT SUGAR SUPPLIER TO US
WOULD BE SOME FORM OF ACCESS ASSURANCES. HE ALSO
IMPLIED SOME MEASURE OF GUARANTEED RETURNS. THE DR DESIRES
A TARIFF REDUCTION IN SUGAR FOLLOWED BY SOME BILATERAL OR
PLURILATERAL UNDERSTANDING WITH THE US ON CONTINUED
ACCESS FOR DR SUGAR TO US MARKET. HE QUERIED IF US
WOULD CONSIDER THIS APPROACH, WHOULD CONTINUE PRESENT
POLICY OF GOB BAL SUGAR QUOTA AND/OR SEEK AN INTER-
NATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENT IN SUGAR AS THE EC DESIRES.
HE NOTED DR WOULD HOLD OFF ON MAKING REQUESTS TO THE
EC TO IMPROVE MARKET ACCESS IF CLARIFICATION ON US SUGAR
POLICY CAN BE COMMUNICATED TO THE DR SOMETIME SOON.

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2. WE RESPONDED THAT COMMODITY POLICY CURRENTLY UNDERGOING REVIEW, AND THAT HEARINGS SCHEDULED IN THE HOUSE SOON ON QUESTION OF SUGAR.

3. MANUEL MENTIONED THAT THE US COMPANY GULF AND WESTERN WAS THE MAJOR PRODUCER IN THE DR OF FURFURAL, A SUGAR BY-PRODUCT USED AS A CHEMICAL. ALTHOUGH THE US DOES NOT HAVE TRADE RESTRICTIONS IN FURFURAL, HE WONDERED IF THE US WOULD CONSIDER DISCUSSING BILATERALLY WITH DR WAYS OF ACHIEVING TARIFF REDUCTIONS IN THE EC.

4. HE ALSO INDICATED THE DR HAD A STRONG INTEREST IN THE EXPORT OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS INTO THE US MARKET. THE DR WOULD BE MAKING SIX REQUESTS FOR LOWER US DUTIES ON MANUFACTURED AND SCRAP TOBACCO. GIVEN THE FACT, HOWEVER, THAT MAJOR US FIRMS ARE PRODUCERS IN DR, HE WONDERED WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE BETTER TO COORDINATE APPROACHES ON THIRD MARKETS. HARTZELL

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